

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER: 1553-018

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR(S): Takayoshi HIGASHINO and Kizuku KITADA

FOR: BINDER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 21 page(s) of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 14 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawings
- ☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☒ Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-103445
- ☒ An assignment conveying title in instant application to **KOKUYO CO., LTD.**, with PTO Form 1595.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

| | NO. FILED | | NO. EXTRA | RATE | AMOUNT |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Claims | 4 | MINUS 20 | | x \$18 = | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 2 | MINUS 3 | | x \$ 84 = | \$ |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 270.00 | | | | | \$ |
| Basic Fee | | | | | \$ 740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½. | | | | | \$ |
| Total of above calculations | | | | | \$ 740.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment and Recording Fee | | | | | \$ 40.00 |
| TOTAL FEE | | | | | \$ 780.00 |

- ☒ A credit card authorization to cover the filing fees is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 07-1337**.
- ☐ Check No. _____ is enclosed to cover the filing fees

Respectfully submitted,
LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP (22429)

Benjamin J. Hauptman
Registration No. 29,310

Date: February 27, 2002
1700 Diagonal Road
Suite 310, Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 684-1111
Facsimile (703) 518-5499
BJH:eb